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Washington, D. C.  
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

*we will require*  
After consideration of all pros and cons respecting the matter of waterproofing exterior walls, it has been determined that in lieu of the alkyd resin emulsion paint called for in Paragraph 30.17 of the specifications, a cement-water paint meeting Federal Specification TT-P-21(2), applied with a fender brush or roofing brush in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, with special regard for preparation of the surfaces, moisture content of the walls, and proper consistency of the paint.

For your guidance in supervising the application of the paint, you may refer to U. S. Department of Commerce Report BMS 95 of the National Bureau of Standards, especially that section included under "X, Conclusions." A copy of this publication has been forwarded to you.

No waterproofing admixture is to be used in the mortar for block work, but care should be taken to require that Paragraph 11.19 is followed.

Watertight joints of windows and doors should be achieved by careful adherence to the grouting and calking instructions contained in Paragraphs 10.18 and 10.19.

Very truly yours,

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